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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, according to information received from the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan, following the departure from the zone of military operations of the technical observer group of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), headed by Lieutenant-Colonel H. Hepponen, Armenian armed forces have significantly intensified their attacks in many sectors deep inside Azerbaijani territory.

In particular, the military operations of the Armenian armed forces have been significantly intensified in the Kelbajar-Khanlar and Kelbajar-Gyulyustan sectors. As we reported earlier, a few days ago the settlement of Gyulyustan was captured by Armenian armed formations. At present, Armenian units are consolidating the positions they have captured, transferring personnel, weapons and military supplies from Armenia and constructing engineering and technical installations at a rapid pace, all of which clearly indicates preparations for a further attack in the direction of the Geranboy district of Azerbaijan.

During the night of 28 April 1993, Armenian armed forces began shelling the settlements of Bashkend and Agjikend in the Geranboy district of Azerbaijan from the captured settlement of Gyulyustan.

In the morning of 28 April 1993, following massive artillery preparation, Armenian units launched an attack on the settlements of Galachilar, Elki, Khydyrly and Giyasly in the Agdam district east of Karabakh. As a result of artillery shelling and attacks by Armenian units, some civilians have been killed or wounded. On the same day, in the northern part of the Kelbajar district, units of the armed forces of Armenia once again launched an attack against the strategic height of Gyuzgyu in the Mrovdag range. The villages of Novosaratovka and Bashkend in the Kedabek district of Azerbaijan were subjected to artillery shelling from the Krasnoselsk district of Armenia.

The artillery and rocket bombardment of settlements in the Zangelan district of Azerbaijan, in the south-western part of the country, from the Kafan district of Armenia is continuing. There has been considerable destruction and some of the civilian population have been killed or wounded.

The foregoing may serve as confirmation that, taking advantage of the fact that the occupation of the Kelbajar district of Azerbaijan by Armenian armed forces has gone unpunished, those forces are most seriously preparing to broaden their expansion deep inside the territory of Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan HASSANOV
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